

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

### Saturday June 5, 2021, St. Boniface, bishop & martyr

1:00 PM Wedding Alec Clark & Cassandra Leone

5:00PM + Joseph Brisson R/b the Ladies Guild

### Sunday, June 6, 2021, Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 AM +Vincent Danilowicz Jr. R/b Janice & Alan Palmer

10:30 AM +Marie Pomerleau R/b her family

Mass to also be streamed from St. Andrew 9:30 AM

### Monday June 7, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

### Tuesday June 8, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

### Wednesday June 9, 2021, St. Ephrem, deacon, doctor of the Church

9:00 AM +Robert Burns R/b Irene Burns

Living & deceased victims of addiction

R/b Pam Roberts

### Thursday June 10, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

### Friday June 11 2021 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM +Dennis Cole

Living & deceased members of the Maloney family

R/b their family

### Saturday June 12, 2021, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00PM + Fred Steenbock R/b C Wheaton

### Sunday, June 13, 2021, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Rev. Charles A. McGrail

10:30 AM +Richard Moran R/b his grandmother

Mass to also be streamed from St. Andrew 9:30 AM

Thank you to all parishioners who have mailed in their contributions.

Offertory: \$ 1,686.00 St. Bernard School: \$ 232.00

Today's second collection is for extraordinary expenses.

**Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us. (St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church.**

There is always a need for faithful adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour.

Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

### Lector Schedule Weekend of June 12 & 13

5:00 pm: Carol Briggs

8:00 am: Jim Dyer

10:30 am: Don Dubiel

### Military Service Honor Roll

LCPL Alex Bielawa, U.S. Marines

Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army

Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army

Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG

E-5 Francis Orcutt, U.S. Army

HMC Heather S. Gardipee, U.S. Navy

Pvt. Zachary Berquist, U.S. Army

Pvt. First Class Jacob Grzanowicz

SFC Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army

Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> Marines

1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

PO 2 Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

CTN2 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

IT2 Rocky Spedaliere Jr., U.S. Navy

AEAN Jared Swett, U.S. Navy

Captain Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

### Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask for Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** — We pray Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. James Caldarella, Rev. Brian Romanowski, all our priests, Rev. Ben Vinjoe, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Keith Shuley CRD CHC, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. Arul Peer, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Ernest Bedard OFM, Rev. John Gwudz.

Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May the love of the Precious Blood of Jesus abound in their hearts. Kindle in their hearts a great love for You and for all souls. O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church. Grant, it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

**Baccalaureate Service:** The Lebanon faith communities invite our young people who are graduating from high school in 2021, their family, and friends, regardless of church affiliation, to a Baccalaureate Service Sunday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Baptist Church, 694 Trumbull Highway. Graduates are requested to come in cap and gown (if they are available) and to arrive by 6:15. All Coronavirus protocols will be in place. All are welcome!



## Announcements: Diocese of Norwich

- ❖ **Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually:** With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Service Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021. Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond, should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).
- ❖ **Are you grieving from an Abortion?** Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.... The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost, and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860-861-4439**.
- ❖ **VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES:** The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, June 13th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your BINGO cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It's always a lot of fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We only sell 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.
- ❖ **Evenings of Reflection for Fathers:** Come and Join us for a virtual evening of reflection put together just for our special dads! The Fathers' Evening of Reflection will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7-8pm. You are invited to take time for your own personal growth and wellness by joining us for an online retreat created just for dads. Come deepen your relationship with Christ through personal prayer, reflection, and spiritual enrichment. Reflection given by seasoned retreat provider, Don Gould. To register, please email Liza at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.
- ❖ **Project Rachel Rosary** – Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each

month as we pray the **Project Rachel Rosary** for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. The next Rosary will be **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**. Contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) to receive a link for the Rosary.

- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich on June 17, 2021, from 6-7pm.

### **Leave Your Legacy:**

June is "Leave a Legacy" month in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a wonderful time for parishioners to reflect on the value of charitable estate and planned giving. Some people choose to mark their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their parish, school, ministry, or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to the Annual Catholic Appeal or their favorite Catholic organization. Still others are interested in establishing an endowment within the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich to benefit a Diocesan organization.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all the good works that the Church is involved with, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Executive Director of Development, at (860) 886-1928 or [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net).

### **Middle School Game Night**

On Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 8pm Middle School Youth are invited to play fun virtual games on video conferencing with other Catholic Middle School youth from around the Norwich Diocese. The Office of Faith Events will be putting on an hour of virtual ice breakers, screen games, and brain teasers which young people in rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to attend.

In order to register, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

### **High School Youth Group Meet Up**

On Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm High School young people are invited online to create friendship, join in fun, and enhance your Catholic faith with other Catholic High School Youth from the Diocese of Norwich.

In order to register, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305



### **Faith and Fun for Children**

**On Monday, June 28th at 4pm-5pm or 6:30pm-7:30pm children in grades 1-5 are welcome to**

**join "Faith and Fun for Children" through video conferencing.** The event will combine exciting activities with Bible-based teachings. There will be faith lessons taught with games, characters, and videos that captivate kids attention. To register for the free event, email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex.305 with the selected time you would like to attend.

**Immediate Vacancy: Saint Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is searching for a Full-time Food Pantry Manager.** This position is responsible for all aspects of food procurement and distribution of food, including pickup, receipt, storage, and distribution of food to community members in need. The manager trains and manages staff and volunteers to ensure that patrons' needs are met, 2+ Years operations food management experience and min. 2-year degree preferred. Bilingual with English and Spanish or French/Creole desired. Interested parties, please email your resume to Jill Corbin at [jcsvdpp@gmail.com](mailto:jcsvdpp@gmail.com)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual marriage experiences.**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

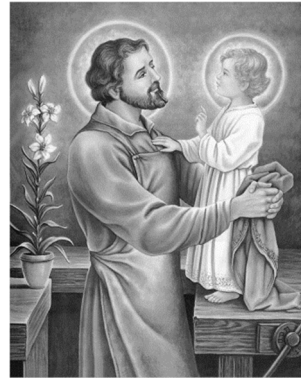
**East Catholic High School:** The Admissions Office is still accepting applications for the 21-22 school year. There is still an opportunity to apply for Financial Aid. Also, we continue to offer private family tours. To schedule a tour, get the general information or fill out admissions and/or financial application, please visit our website: [echs.com/Admissions](http://echs.com/Admissions).

**Faith Formation Director/Coordinator for Grades K-6**

**Immediate Vacancy:** Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vernon and Tolland is searching for a faith formation director for grades K-6 to inspire students in the knowledge and love of their faith. We are looking for a practicing Roman Catholic who can work in a collaborative team environment to engage K-6 students and their parents in the faith formation and sacramental preparation process. They are responsible for recruiting, training, motivating, and supporting faith formation teachers. The K-6 program integrates the parish mission and encourages students and their parents in active parish participation. Basic Microsoft Office skills are required. Interested candidates may email their resume to Brian Kenny, Business Manager, [bkenny@cath-comm.org](mailto:bkenny@cath-comm.org) by June 30, 2021.

**NEW Saint Bernard Summer Program**

Classes are open to all students entering grades 6-12 and are offered on a staggered basis throughout the summer. Subjects range from general interest, specialized topics, and enrichment courses such as: Journalism, Geometry Via Origami, Astronomy, Number Theory, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Computer Science, SAT Prep, Writing the College Essay, Math Skills, Study Skills. For more info: visit [www.saintbernardschool.org](http://www.saintbernardschool.org) or call 860.848.1271 or email Mrs. Cyr at [hcyr@saint-bernard.com](mailto:hcyr@saint-bernard.com)



**The men of St. Andrew and St. Francis Parishes are invited to be consecrated to St. Joseph.** Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the year of St Joseph, the Guardian, and Protector of the Christ Child and of the Church. Several members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6107 will be completing the 33-day program of preparation and

consecration outlined by Fr. Michael Calloway MIC in the book, "Consecration to St Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father". Total consecration to St Joseph is a formal act of filial entrustment to the paternal care of your spiritual father, so that you can acquire his virtues and become holy. **The program will include: 1) spending about 30 minutes of your personal time daily for spiritual reading and prayers; 2) participating in a weekly in-person, or virtual meeting to discuss the daily readings; and 3) a group consecration with one of our Pastors presiding. The planned start date is July 16 with completion on August 17, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock. For more information or to participate, please contact John Bear at (860) 365-5987, or Tom Moreno at (860) 917-7472.**

(Reference the website: [Introduction](#) | [Consecration to St. Joseph](#))

**Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

**31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT**

[olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) 860.677.8519

In-person event on June 18, 2021. Beginning with an outdoor Mass at 10:00 am with Fr. Jim Kelly, OFM. Followed by a presentation by Kathy Irr. There will be time for quiet reflection on the grounds and for small and large group sharing with the whole OLC Retreat Team.

**The theme for the day: *What Treasure Do You Choose?*** *We all search for a treasure that brings security and happiness, but Jesus talks about another kind of wealth not found in the materialism or the culture of our world. The heavenly treasure Jesus urges us to seek is both for now and forever. Together, let us seek to enter into a deeper and richer life with God, keeping close to our hearts those things that last.*

Please bring your own chair and lunch. **The rain date is June 22, 2021.**

We encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated before returning to OLC.

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference**  
**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Conference Theme: The Most Holy Rosary**

**For details & Purchase Tickets**

**Go to [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)**

**Location: New Britain Stadium**

**An outdoor venue – Doors open at 7:30am**

**Event begins at 8:00am**

**Subway lunch included**

**Vigil Mass end of day**

**\$45pp – Free for Clergy - \$20 for Teens (13-19)**

**Email: [info@ctcatholicmen.org](mailto:info@ctcatholicmen.org)**

**ATTENTION LYMAN ALUMNI:**

Lyman Memorial High School will celebrate its centennial during the 2022-23 school year. An Alumni Anniversary Committee is planning details to celebrate this incredible milestone and have partnered with the Lebanon Historical Society (LHS).



A history is being put together and we need your help – besides yourself, did your parents, grandparents, children, or grandchildren graduate from Lyman? Please check your attics and basements, do you have any of the following? I am looking for 1923, 1925, 1937 graduation ceremony programs; yearbooks *earlier than* 1938; 1940, 1944, and 1948; class photos (caps and gowns) with graduates' names as they appear: 1923, 1924, 1962, 1964, 1972, and 1977.

Other items wanted, *but not limited to*, are photos of the three locations, construction, dedications, entire school populations, proms (at the location, not couples), initiations, graduations, class nights, concerts, band uniforms/parades, drama, sports, Vo-Ag/FFA, graduation/class night/prom invitations, prom bids, Athletic Banquet booklets, National Honor Society induction programs, *Lymanite* newsletters, *the Bulldog* newspaper, Music or Scholastic Letters, newspaper articles about any event or sport; Lyman memorabilia: pins, pennants, sports uniforms, anything Lyman related!

If you have any of these items, please email Barbara at [LymanMHS100years@gmail.com](mailto:LymanMHS100years@gmail.com). Scanned or original items will be accepted. Items can be scanned at the Historical Society (856 Trumbull Highway). Donated items will be accepted on the discretion of the LHS Collection Committee. Please date and identify photos and we need your permission to use in the book or exhibits.

Please help us spread the word to our Lyman alumni. More information on this celebration can be found on the Lyman-Memorial-High-School-100-Year-Anniversary Facebook page.

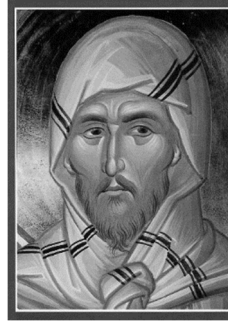
**All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild for their year-end celebration, Monday June 14, 5:30 outside of the Rectory meeting room. Bring Your Own Supper!** Please bring your own dishes and utensils; Beverages and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP to Sandra at 860-537-1372 or [etcdtc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:etcdtc@sbcglobal.net) by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner, conversation, and corn hole games! Please dress for the weather; we will be inside if inclement weather.

**GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENT:**

On behalf of the Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus, we announce this year's recipient of the St. Francis of Assisi 2021 Graduating Senior Awards. These awards are given to a high school senior who has demonstrated involvement in our parish, as well as school and community organizations and academic grades throughout high school. This year's award goes to Grace Gardella. We congratulate Grace and wish her the best as she continues her education at the University of Connecticut. Congratulations to all our 2021 graduates.

*Sandra Spedalieri, Ladies Guild & Steve Wengloski  
Grand Knight*

**Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**



Ephrem (or Ephraim) the Syrian left us hundreds of hymns and poems on the faith that inflamed and inspired the whole Church, but few facts about his own inspiring life.

Ephrem served as teacher, and possibly deacon, under four bishops of Nisibis, Jacob, Babu, Vologeses, and Abraham. The first three he describes in the hymn quoted above written while Vologeses was still alive. As the verse states, Ephrem did not live in easy times

in Nisibis.

According to tradition, Ephrem began to write hymns in order to counteract the heresies that were rampant at that time. For those who think of hymns simply as the song at the end of Mass that keeps us from leaving the church early, it may come as a surprise that Ephrem and others recognized and developed the power of music to get their points across. Tradition tells us that Ephrem heard the heretical ideas put into song first and in order to counteract them made up his own hymns. In the one below, his target is a Syrian heretic Bardesan who denied the truth of the Resurrection:

The originality, imagery, and skill of his hymns captured the hearts of the Christians so well, that Ephrem is given credit for awakening the Church to the important of music and poetry in spreading and fortifying the faith.

In the time before monks and monasteries, many devout Christians drawn to a religious life dedicated themselves as ihidaya (single and single-minded followers of Christ). As one of these Ephrem lived an ascetic, celibate life for his last years.

Heresy and danger followed him to Edessa. The Arian Emperor Valens camped outside of Edessa threatening to kill all the Christian inhabitants if they did not submit. But Valens was the one forced to give up in the face of the courage and steadfastness of the Edessans (fortified by Ephrem's hymns):

Tradition tells us that during the famine that hit Edessa in 372, Ephrem was horrified to learn that some citizens were hoarding food. When he confronted them, he received the age-old excuse that they couldn't find a fair way or honest person to distribute the food. Ephrem immediately volunteered himself and it is a sign of how respected he was that no one was able to argue with this choice. He and his helpers worked diligently to get food to the needy in the city and the surrounding area.

The famine ended in a year of abundant harvest the following year and Ephrem died shortly thereafter, as we are told, at an advanced age. We do not know the exact date or year of his death but June 9, 373 is accepted by many. Ephrem relates in his dying testament a childhood vision of his life that he gloriously fulfilled. (Excerpts from Catholic Online)

**Parish Merger Prayer**

O God, Who are perfect unity and true charity,  
grant to us the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and  
St. Andrew Parishes, the grace necessary to be of one  
heart and one mind, united in the Body of Christ.

May all we do in the coming months, unite us in faith,  
hope, and love, so that we may flourish in charity and be  
strong in unity.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Composed by Fr. Richard)